

Real Skills for Youth

Partnership Profiles

2019-20





OVERVIEW



In 2019-20, the Real Skills for Youth grants will support 16 strategic partnerships between industry and education to develop and implement year-round career readiness programming for youth, including paid summer work-based learning experiences.

The partnerships will serve more than 2,800 youth with a variety of programming, including career exploration, building essential skills, and work-based learning. More than half of those youth will engage in paid experiences throughout the year, with more than 1,100 in Summer 2019. With other youth investments in Real Jobs RI, Real Pathways RI, and the PrepareRI Internship Program, more than 500 additional youth will participate in paid work-based learning in Summer 2019.

Real Skills for Youth is centered around the goal of preparing youth for success in college and career through meaningful career exposure and exploration of potential career paths and their on-ramps, skill-building with an emphasis on essential and professional skills, and supported work-based learning experiences that allow participants to apply learning in a real-world setting.

Real Skills for Youth, a state-funded program, is part of Rhode Island's larger effort – PrepareRI – a three-year action plan supported by a \$2 million New Skills for Youth grant from JP Morgan Chase, to ensure all Rhode Island students are college and career ready. PrepareRI aims to close the gap between what students learn in school and what they need for high-demand jobs and to ensure that historically underserved student populations have expanded access to quality career preparation opportunities in priority sector industries – through scaling out activities such as career exploration and work-based learning opportunities.



EAST BAY

EAST BAY COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM

The East Bay Real Skills for Youth partnership will serve in-school and out-of-school youth in the East Bay. Convened by East Bay Community Action Program, the partnership brings together the City of East Providence, East Providence Public Schools, City of Newport, Newport Public Schools, Newport County Boys & Girls Club, Working Cities Initiative, FABNewport and the Newport County Chamber of Commerce. The partnership will expose youth to careers in industries including but not limited to Information Technology, Engineering Technology, Hospitality, Culinary, Defense and Education. Programming will allow youth to apply and develop their academic, technical and professional skills while realizing the relevance of their education and its connection to the real world. All placements will help prepare youth for college, long-term training and future careers.



KENT COUNTY

COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM

The Comprehensive Community Action Program (CCAP) Real Skills for Youth partnership will expose Cranston, Pawtucket, Providence, and Kent County-area youth ages 14 to 24 to high-quality career exploration, career readiness and work-based learning activities leading to employment. Eligible youth, both enrolled in and out of school, are exposed to careers in the Construction, Culinary, Automotive, Marine Technology, Manufacturing and Information Technology industries through summer work-based learning programs, year-round work readiness workshops, the “Jump Start” career exploration program and paid internships. Convened by CCAP, the partnership brings together municipal, community, business, and industry partners to provide high-quality career exploration and readiness, and work-based learning activities guiding youth towards a successful career and college experience.

SKILLS FOR RHODE ISLAND'S FUTURE

The Building Career Pathways partnership will expose ninth graders and current high school students in the Exeter-West Greenwich Regional School District (EWG Schools) to career pathways in five industry areas: Computer Science, Visual Arts, Criminal Justice, Biotechnology and Agricultural Science. Convened by Skills for Rhode Island's Future, the partnership through EWG Schools will serve rising ninth graders through a six-week summer career exploration camp; develop year-round, industry-led work-based learning; provide summer internships to high school seniors through the PrepareRI internship program with options for year-round internships; and provide career pathway teachers with paid teacher externships in their identified industry.



KENT COUNTY

TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY

The Tri-County Youth Center partnership will provide career exploration, job readiness, and work-based learning experiences to youth in the towns of Johnston, North Providence, Smithfield, Burrillville, Scituate, Glocester, North Kingstown, South Kingstown, Charlestown, Richmond, Hopkinton, Exeter, West Greenwich, Westerly, and Narragansett. Convened by Tri-County Community Action Agency, the partnership brings together a variety of members including youth-serving organizations, industry representatives and employers, and training partners to provide youth with the information they need to identify long-term career goals and the skills necessary to achieve those goals.



NORTHERN RHODE ISLAND

BLACKSTONE VALLEY COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM

The Blackstone Valley Community Action Program Real Skills for Youth Summer Program 2019 partnership will provide youth ages 14 to 24 living in Pawtucket, Central Falls, Lincoln, Cumberland or North Smithfield with internship opportunities focused on introducing them to professional skillsets. Convened by Blackstone Valley Community Action Program, the partnership brings together the Cities of Pawtucket and Central Falls, the Boys and Girls Club of Pawtucket and other community partners to provide activities covering comprehensive career exploration, resume development and interview skills, collaboration and teamwork, communication, critical thinking and problem solving, and professionalism.

CONNECTING FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

The Real Skills Partnership for Woonsocket Youth will provide career exploration and job readiness programming to Woonsocket High School students during the academic year. Convened by Connecting for Children and Families, the partnership brings together the Real Jobs Partnership of Northern Rhode Island, the Woonsocket Education Department, and the Woonsocket High School in their individual and collective efforts to engage high school students, promote curiosity and confidence and lay the foundation for a stable and work-ready workforce of the future.



PROVIDENCE

CITY OF PROVIDENCE, OFFICE OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

The One Providence for Youth partnership will provide Providence youth with work-based learning opportunities. Convened by the Office of Economic Opportunity, the partnership brings together IntraCity Geeks, We Make RI, Providence Public School District, Community Action Partnership of Providence, Providence Public Library, Providence After School Alliance and the Institute for Labor Studies and Research to provide work-based learning experiences in Technology and Manufacturing. Partnering with employers and nonprofit organizations, the partnership will offer real-life work experiences through its advanced internship program that will enhance 21st-century skills of communication, engagement in learning, critical thinking, perseverance, and teamwork. Participants will engage in work readiness training, develop specific learning goals to improve career and professional skills, be placed in structured work experiences with an employer or partner program, and be overseen by a trained supervisor.

DOWNCITY DESIGN

The Summer Design Studio partnership will engage 50 Providence teens in an intensive six-week industry project that introduces students to careers in Rhode Island's thriving Design, Construction, and Advanced Manufacturing industries. Participants will work with real-world clients who present our young designers with authentic challenges that can be addressed through design. Convened by DownCity Design, the partnership brings together design and construction industry partners including Gilbane Construction, Union Studio Architects, LLB Architects, and LOFT to provide mentorship and training to aspiring designers, makers and builders.

INSPIRING MINDS

The Inspiring Explorers partnership will expose youth of color and bilingual youth to careers in teaching and learning through a work-based experience, skill-based workshops, and mentoring. Convened by Inspiring Minds, the partnership brings together Rhode Island College and Providence Public Schools to expose youth to the myriad of career opportunities in the Public Education System.

YOUTHBUILD PREPARATORY ACADEMY

The YouthBuild Community Connections partnership will expose youth ages 14 to 24 in Providence's most distressed neighborhoods - Olneyville, South Providence, Elmwood, and West End - to careers in the Construction industry through a pre-apprenticeship construction program and hands on experience in several community-based construction projects. Convened by YouthBuild Preparatory Academy, the partnership brings together Rhode Island Builders Association, ONE Neighborhood Builders, West Elmwood Housing Development Corporation and the Institute for the Study and Practice of Non-Violence to provide a summer employment program and year-round academic and applied learning program. The year-round program helps students attain a high school credential and earn an industry-recognized Home Builders Institute Pre-Apprenticeship Training Certification. Students will also work with instructors and YBPA staff to develop career plans and prepare for job interviews to support their transition toward employment or college-level institutions.



URBAN CORE

AS220

The AS220 Youth: Preparing Youth for Creative Careers partnership will expose youth ages 14 to 21 from Providence, Cranston, Warwick, Pawtucket, Central Falls and cities throughout RI to professions in creative fields through trainings, creative service learning projects and conversations with arts professionals. Convened by AS220, the partnership brings together Rhode Island State Council on the Arts, ZUMIX, Community Music Works, and Trinity Rep, as well as training and service learning provided by AS220 Youth. Participants will contribute to a multimedia play researched, written and produced by youth that focuses on the impact of tobacco and drug addiction. Through the program, youth will attain career readiness skills needed to pursue a professional career in the arts.

CENTER FOR DYNAMIC LEARNING

The CDL Teen Apprenticeship Program partnership will expose inner-city, at-risk RI youth to careers in Engineering, Manufacturing and Construction through hands-on, real-world job and educational training. Convened by the Center for Dynamic Learning, the partnership brings together the City of Providence, South Side Community Land Trust, Pawtucket Housing, Roger Williams University, Shea High School and various industry partners to develop a workforce and college-training program that prepares youth for employment as entry-level engineering technicians, manufacturing technicians or construction assistants in STEAM-based fields in high demand of qualified applicants.

NOWELL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

The Pathways to the Medical Profession for Pregnant & Parenting Young Adults (P4M) partnership between the Nowell Leadership Academy, Women & Infants Hospital and the Community College of Rhode Island, will expose students of the Nowell Leadership Academy to careers in the Medical Industry. Convened by the Nowell Leadership Academy, P4M will provide 15 pregnant or parenting Nowell Leadership Academy high school students with paid job-shadowing and college coursework experiences.

RI NURSES INSTITUTE MIDDLE COLLEGE CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

The Summer Nursing and Healthcare Provider Internship Program partnership will expose Rhode Island youth ages 16 to 21 to careers in the Nursing and Health Care professions through an authentic health care internship experience. Students will receive workforce readiness training specifically aligned to the health care industry, will master necessary patient care skills and have opportunities to network with local health care providers and leaders. Convened by Rhode Island Nurses Institute Middle College Charter High School, the partnership brings together a variety of health care providers and practice settings to provide students an inside look into the skills, knowledge, and educational pathway to achieve a rewarding and high-demand career in nursing or health care.



URBAN CORE

SOUTHSIDE COMMUNITY LAND TRUST

The Nurturing the Seed: A Rhode Island Food Systems Career Pathway partnership will introduce high school and post-high school young professionals in Providence, Pawtucket and Central Falls to foundational skills and career opportunities in the fields of Regenerative Agriculture, Environmental Stewardship, Culinary Arts and Nutrition Education through hands-on, work-based learning in farms, kitchens and neighborhoods throughout RI. Convened by Southside Community Land Trust, the partnership brings together Farm Fresh RI's Harvest Kitchen, Groundwork RI as well as local farming, culinary arts and nutrition education institutions to provide youth holistic exposure to the careers shaping the region's food system as well as the tactile job readiness skills necessary for student success in college and in a career.

YOUNG VOICES

The Unlimited Dreams partnership will expose low-income, minority youth ages 14 to 18 from Pawtucket, Central Falls and Providence to careers in the industries of Construction, Hospitality and Entrepreneurship. Convened by Young Voices, the partnership brings together the Procaccianti Company, JJ Cardosi Inc. and Environmental Strategies & Management to provide hands-on experiences and career pathways in high-wage, high-demand industries.